

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
APRIL 13, 2017 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Coleen Malone with Wayside Inn Homeless Shelter coming before the Commissioners to request a donation from the County. Last year the County gave \$5,000 to the shelter and it is going toward the Electrical upgrade needed for code. Ms. Malone mentioned that she understood that they had been in the budget but was later dropped and just wanted to ask the county to consider again supporting the shelter. Matt Sporleder asked Ms. Malone what the \$5,000 had been spent on and Ms. Malone stated that actually it had not been spent as they had several code violations that needed to be done. Mr. Sporleder requested that Ms. Malone bring in receipts or some accounting when the \$5,000 is spent and then they will consider her request at that time. Ms. Malone thanked the Commissioners and agreed to do so and the request was tabled until then.

Next on the agenda was Marie Shepherd, Director of the Area Plan Commissioner with 3 requests for rezones. The first rezone request was from Robert Cassidy, Georgena Cassidy, Kenneth Shouse and Patricia Shouse being represented by John D. Gay. They would like to rezone the western half of the parcel at 10372 S County Road 200 W, Commiskey from Agricultural to Residential Single Family. The property is the old railroad right-of-way belonging to Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co CSL Transportation, and the Court has awarded the western half of the property to Robert Cassidy, Georgena Cassidy, Kenneth Shouse and Patricia Shouse. The property contains 2.75 acres; however, only approximately 1.38 acres is being rezoned.

Dave Lane made a motion to approve the rezone of 10372 S County Road 200 W, Commiskey, In 47227 from Agricultural to Residential Single Family; Bob Willhite seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

The next rezone request was from L.A.B. Properties II, LLC, being represented by Ed Biehle. Mr. Biehle would like to rezone the 1.5 acres from Commercial to Residential Duplex. Mr. Biehle would like to remodel the structure into two (2) residential units. The property is located at 8375 E US Hwy 50, Butlerville, In 47223.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the rezone of 8375 E US Hwy 50, Butlerville, In from Commercial to Residential Duplex; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

The last rezone request was from Roddnie Liggett Sr. and he would like to rezone 9 acres out of 11.06 acres from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial. Mr. Liggett would like the property rezoned to allow the

operation of his towing business, which also includes U-Haul rentals, auto sales, auto repair and an impound area. Property address is 690 N County Road 1000 W, Seymour, In 47274. Director Shepherd informed the Commissioners that anytime you have towing and salvage the property has to be zoned heavy industrial Mr. Liggett did not attend the Commissioner meeting. Director Shepherd stated she just spoke with Mr. Liggett and he told her he did not need to be rezoned. There is a court date set for May 1st at 1:15 p.m. and she would like to address those issues in court. Director Shepherd told the Commissioners that the ESC Board voted 5 in favor and 4 members voting to deny. The Area Plan Commission voted unanimously to deny the request. Matt Sporleder asked if there was anyone in the meeting that wanted to speak on this matter. Jonathon Kramer whose property adjoins Mr. Liggett's property on the North side asked the Commissioners to deny this request as he does not want this type of business close to his property. Mr. Kramer stated that he lives in wooded area and does not want to watch heavy industrial start up and has concerns on how property values would be affected.

Bob Willhite made a motion to deny the rezone request for 690 N County Rd 1000 W, Seymour, In 47274; Dave Lance seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion denied.

Next on the agenda was Kitty Shepherd, Treasurer coming back with more information on the EZ Scan Digital Remittance equipment for the office. Mrs. Shepherd stated that she had done as the Commissioners had requested and researched more on the practicality of buying this piece of equipment. The Lock Box service quotes were \$3,781.30 for Main Source Bank and German America quoted \$5,810 for the year and of course these are estimates because could not know how many taxpayers would take advantage of this service. Mrs. Shepherd also contacted another vendor; C & A Associates whose costs of equipment and software were quoted at \$19,079.00 versus F & E Payment Pros \$14,005.00 costs of equipment and software.

Bob Willhite made the motion to approve the purchase of the EZ Scan equipment and software for \$11,855 costs for the County and the Treasurer paying the \$2,525 cost of the F & E Annual Support Plan. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Mrs. Shepherd went on to tell the Commissioners that she had talked with MainSource and was able to negotiate and have the interest on all accounts raised from .02% to .05% which would bring approximately another \$2,300 a month to the county.

Next was John Post, Town of Vernon Council member, addressed the Commissioners concerning the jail project. Mr. Post wanted the Commissioners to know that the Town of Vernon would like the jail to stay in Vernon. Matt Sporleder asked where they could put it with the amount of land suggested from the architect. Mr. Post replied that the County owns two parking lots and he suggested maybe an underground parking garage that would be safer for the judges and employees. Mr. Sporleder asked about the old Vernon School property and Mr. Post said he would talk with the council about it.

Next was Mr. Alan Ritchie of 6805 Base Road in Brewersville coming to request the closing of an alley behind his property to be closed. The previous owner of his property is saying that he owns up to Mr. Ritchie's property line but Mr. Ritchie states there's no way that could be right. Mr. Ritchie wants to know the procedure to closing the alley. Matt Sporleder referred to Ellie Bright, County Attorney, on this matter. Mrs. Bright stated that Mr. Ritchie would need to go to all the adjacent land owners and get them to sign their approval to close the alley and if anyone objected to this; then he would have to get a survey and go to court and sue to have the court say it is Mr. Ritchie's property before the Commissioners could close the alley.

Next on things to discuss was the Umbaugh Financial Advisor agreement that the Commissioners requested from last meeting. Since then it has been said that GFC, LLC the County's financial advisors could possibly fill this capacity. Matt Sporleder asked the Auditor to check with Mr. Cummings and see if they would be interested or capable of helping with the jail project and bond.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the Umbaugh Financial Advisor agreement until the next Commissioner meeting; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next on things to discuss was the Sick Bank which was tabled at the last meeting. Matt Sporleder stated that he would like to see the handbook amended to add the donation of vacation time, personal time or sick time from one employee to another as long as both heads of departments agree. Auditor Vance asked if there would be caps and Ellie Bright, County Attorney, suggested 5 days with a total of 30 days received.

Bob Willhite made a motion for Ellie Bright and Sherri Williams HR for County to meet and work out the language for the policy and bring back to the next Commissioners meeting for approval. Dave Lane seconded the motion; Matt Sporleder made it unanimous and motion passed.

Next Auditor Vance informed the Commissioners that she had received the new contract for IT Services from Eagle Point Technology, Inc. The only change is the 10% raise of costs; total for services is \$110,000 for the year. Matt Sporleder suggested tabling until Mrs. Bright could look the contract over.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the contract for IT services with Eagle Point until next meeting; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous; motion passed.

Next Auditor Vance gave them the list of recommendation limits from Laverne Carr with Shepherd Insurance for the County Park and ECO Lake Park after a site visit. Matt Sporleder stated that he didn't know anyone that knows more on insurance or could take better care of the county's interest and he suggested going with Mrs. Carr's recommended limits.

Dave Lane made a motion to go with the Recommended Limits for the County Park and Eco Lake Park by Shepherd Insurance; Bob Willhite seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous and motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous and motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous and motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vane, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane